

## Message Text

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DEPT FOR S/NM  
CARACAS FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, EC  
SUBJECT: GOE EFFORTS TO CLEAN UP CORRUPTION IN POLICE

REF: QUITO 1344

1. THE SUBSECRETARY OF GOVT REQUESTED DEA/SAIC MEET WITH HIM ON EVENING MARCH 2 AS A FOLLOW UP TO AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH MINISTER OF GOVT FEB. 28. SUBSECRETARY SAID HE HAD BEEN DESIGNATED BY MINISTER OF GOVT TO TAKE STEPS TO CLEAN UP POLICE AND ASKED SAIC ADVISE ON STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN. HE SAID THE FOCUS HOWEVER WOULD BE ON BUILDING A BETTER AND MORE HONEST POLICE FORCE RATHER THAN ON PUNISHING PAST OFFENDERS. HE NOTED GOE HAD ALREADY MADE SOME PERSONNEL CHANGES AND THAT OTHERS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, AND ASKED THAT SAIC PROVIDE HIM ANY INFORMATION HE COULD REGARDING CURRENT CORRUPT ACTIVITIES.

2. SAIC GAVE SUBSECRETARY A LIST OF MAJOR OFFENDERS WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED BUT NEVER REACHED TRIAL. HE DISCUSSED  
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WITH SUBSECRETARY DIFFICULTIES IN CLEANING UP A POLICE FORCE AND SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF CREATING AN INSPECTION AND REFORM UNIT COMPOSED OF HONEST AND DEDICATED POLICEMEN WHO WOULD HAVE HIGH LEVEL BACKING FOR THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. SUBSECRETARY AND SAIC AGREED TO MEET AGAIN TO DISCUSS FURTHER STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE POLICE.

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